

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 36, line 13 and ending at page 36, line 27 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

*Sub 33* In the present invention, the average inclination  $\Delta a$  was measured with a surface roughness tester SE-3300 (trade name, manufactured by Kosaka Kenkyusho K.K.) by calculation according to the definition of the average inclination described in Handling Manual of this tester: Chapter 8, "Definition of terminologies and parameters for surface roughness", Paragraphs 8-12. Specifically, the average inclination  $\Delta a$  of the roughness curve having a length " $\ell$ ", as shown in Fig. 5, is calculated according to Equation 4 below.

(Equation 4)

$$\Delta a = \frac{1}{\ell[1]} \int_0^{[1]} \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right| dx = \left( \frac{h_1 + h_2 + h_3 \dots h_n}{\ell} \right) - - .$$

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 through 14 and enter Claims 15 and 16 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

*Sub C36* 1. (Twice Amended) An image-forming process for use in an electrophotographic system employing an image forming apparatus equipped with a photosensitive member including a photoconductive layer composed of a silicon-based